

## Parliamentary Questions on Rendition and Diego Garcia

22 July 2014

Diego Garcia

**Mr Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs pursuant to the answer of 8 July 2014, *Official Report*, column 175W, on Diego Garcia, what other files were lost in the same incident. [205421]

**Mark Simmonds:** I refer my hon. Friend to the answer given by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, my hon. Friend the Member for Bournemouth East (Mr Ellwood), on 16 July. British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) immigration officials have reported that no other documents or files were lost or damaged.

**Mr Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs pursuant to the answer of 8 July 2014, *Official Report*, column 172W, on Diego Garcia, where and on what dates the water damage to the records occurred. [205422]

**Mark Simmonds:** I refer my hon. Friend to the answer given by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, my hon. Friend the Member for Bournemouth East (Mr Ellwood), on 16 July.

USA

**Mr Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what arrangements the Government has reached with the US Administration about the holding of detainees on Diego Garcia. [205286]

**Mark Simmonds:** I refer my hon. Friend to the answer given by my right hon. Friend the Member for Faversham and Mid Kent (Hugh Robertson), on 10 June 2014, *Official Report*, column 91W.

8 July 2014

Diego Garcia

**Mr Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs which Government Department or Office keeps a list of flights which passed through Diego Garcia from January 2002 to January 2009. [203500]

**Mark Simmonds:** Records on flight departures and arrivals on Diego Garcia are held by the British Indian Ocean Territory immigration authorities. Daily occurrence logs, which record the flights landing and taking off, cover the period since 2003. Though there are some limited records from 2002, I understand they are incomplete due to water damage.

22 February 2012

Diego Garcia: Aviation

**Mr Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what the (a) owner/operator, (b) marks of nationality and registration, (c) flight number and date, (d) airport departed from, (e) destination, (f) number and names of crew

and (g) number and names of passengers was of flights which landed on Diego Garcia between 6 and 12 March 2004. [92397]

**Mr Bellingham:** I will write to my hon. Friend about flights which landed on Diego Garcia between 6-12 March 2004 once full data have been assembled.

1 February 2012  
Diego Garcia: Aviation

**Mr Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what records are kept by the UK authorities of flights landing on Diego Garcia in March 2004. [92396]

**Mr Bellingham:** The UK does not hold any flight manifest information on flights which landed in Diego Garcia in March 2004. British Indian Ocean Territory immigration authorities hold immigration cards for civilians arriving in Diego Garcia during that period.

1 December 2011  
USA: Rendition

**Mr Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs if he will publish a list of all flights with a detainee on board that landed on Diego Garcia in March 2004; for which such flights the US administration sought permission from the UK to land on Diego Garcia; and if he will make a statement. [83446]

**Mr Lidington:** No flights with a detainee on board landed on Diego Garcia in March 2004.

Aside from the two cases of rendition through Diego Garcia (British Indian Ocean Territories) in 2002, the US Government has confirmed that there have been no other instances in which US intelligence flights landed in the UK, our Overseas Territories, or the Crown Dependencies, with a detainee, on board since 11 September 2001.

**Mr Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs how many flights by US intelligence services with a detainee on board have landed in (a) the UK, (b) British Overseas Territories and (c) Crown dependencies since 11 September 2001; and if he will make a statement. [83447]

**Mr Lidington:** There have been two cases, in January and September 2002, in which flights carrying a detainee had landed and refuelled on Diego Garcia in the British Indian Ocean Territories. The UK was informed of these flights by the US in February 2008, following which the then Foreign Secretary, the right hon. Member for South Shields (David Miliband), made a statement to Parliament. The US informed us that these flights refuelled briefly on Diego Garcia and that the detainees did not leave the plane.

Aside from the two cases of rendition through Diego Garcia in 2002, the US Government has confirmed that there have been no other instances in which US intelligence flights landed in the UK, our Overseas Territories, or the Crown Dependencies, with a detainee on board since 11 September 2001.

**Mr Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what recent discussions (a) he and (b) his officials have had with their US counterparts on use of airports in the UK, British Overseas Territories and Crown dependencies by flights by

US intelligence services with a detainee on board since 11 September 2001, other than two cases relating to Diego Garcia in 2002; and if he will make a statement. [83448]

**Mr Lidington:** My officials hold regular talks with the US Government on issues relating to relevant British Overseas Territories. The most recent talks were held in Washington in September 2011. During these talks the US confirmed that there have been no other instances in which US intelligence flights landed in the UK, our Overseas Territories, or the Crown Dependencies, with a detainee on board since 11 September 2001.

**Mr Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs whether (a) he and (b) Ministers in his Department have authorised the involvement of the Secret Intelligence Service in a rendition operation since May 2010; if so on how many occasions such authorisation has been given; and if he will make a statement. [83449]

**Mr Lidington** [holding answer 29 November 2011]: It is the policy of successive HM Governments not to comment on security and intelligence matters.

The Government policy on rendition is absolutely clear: we do not render people in breach of our legal obligations. Should another state wish to transfer an individual through our territory or airspace, we would consider all the circumstances and only grant permission if we were satisfied that it would accord with our domestic law and international obligations.

We unreservedly condemn any practice of "extraordinary rendition" to torture. We will not co-operate in any transfer of an individual where we believe there is a real risk of torture to the individual concerned. The Government's clear policy is not to participate in, solicit, encourage or condone the use of torture or inhuman or degrading treatment for any purpose. The coalition agreement made absolutely clear that "we will never condone the use of torture".

6 July 2010  
Rendition

**Mr Andrew Tyrie (Chichester) (Con):** I warmly welcome the Prime Minister's statement. It was courageous and very thoughtful, and the inquiry is a huge step forward as it can draw a line under a sorry affair that has been eroding public confidence in our security services, which do such good work on our behalf. Will he clarify that the remit that will be given to the inquiry will be broad enough to encompass all allegations of complicity in rendition, including on rendition flights, the use of Diego Garcia and the transfer of prisoners in theatre?

**The Prime Minister:** Yes, I can confirm that the inquiry will be able to look at all those issues, including rendition, extraordinary rendition and the case that my hon. Friend mentions involving Diego Garcia.

24 March 2009  
Diego Garcia: Rendition

**Mr. Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs pursuant to the Answer of 5 March 2009, *Official Report*, column 1747W, on Guantánamo Bay: detainees, for what reasons he is unable to provide further information on the matter;

and whether his Department has been informed of the names of the two detainees rendered through Diego Garcia. [263671]

**Bill Rammell** [*holding answer 13 March 2009*]: We are unable to provide further information on this matter other than that given by my right hon. Friend the Foreign Secretary in his statement of 21 February 2008, *Official Report*, column 547.

5 March 2009  
Guantanamo Bay: Detainees

**Mr. Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs pursuant to the answer of 11 February 2009, *Official Report*, column 2002W, on detainees: Guantánamo Bay, what the names of the two detainees are; and in which country each was held (a) before and (b) after rendition through Diego Garcia. [260123]

**Bill Rammell** [*holding answer 2 March 2009*]: We are unable to provide further information on this matter other than that given by my right hon. Friend the Foreign Secretary in his oral statement of 21 February 2008, *Official Report*, column 547. We re-iterate, as said in that statement, that the US government has informed us that neither of these individuals was a British national or a British resident.

26 February 2009  
Diego Garcia: Rendition

**Mr. Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs pursuant to the answer of 25 November 2008, *Official Report*, column 1201W, on Diego Garcia: rendition, for what reasons he has not passed this information to the police; whether he has examined the possibility that criminal offences may have been committed in relation to the two rendition flights through Diego Garcia; and if he will make a statement. [246740]

**Bill Rammell** [*holding answer 12 January 2009*]: We have considered the possibility that criminal offences may have been committed in relation to the two rendition flights through Diego Garcia. We have very limited specific information about these flights and, despite enquiry, have not been able to establish further details that would be essential for purposes of further investigation.

We welcome President Obama's Executive Orders of 22 January 2009 covering the closure of Guantanamo Bay, detainee treatment and interrogation (including the practice of rendition). These early moves demonstrate real commitment to address the challenges of violent extremism in a manner consistent with upholding human rights, civil liberties and the rule of law.

11 February 2009  
Detainees: Guantanamo Bay

**Mr. Tyrrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs whether one of the detainees rendered through Diego Garcia is still being held in the Guantanamo Bay detention centre. [253243]

**Bill Rammell:** Both of the individuals rendered through Diego Garcia in 2002 have been returned to their countries of nationality.

10 December 2008

Diego Garcia: Rendition

**Mr. Tyrrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs with reference to the answer of 26 November 2008, *Official Report*, column 1787W, on rendition: Diego Garcia, whether his Department has carried out a records search for the purposes of determining whether UK territory or airspace had actually been used for the purposes of rendition. [241659]

**Bill Rammell:** I refer the hon. Gentleman to the answer given by the then Foreign Secretary, my right hon. Friend the Member for Blackburn (Mr. Straw) on 12 December 2005, *Official Report*, column 1652W.

Since 2005, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has conducted a number of thorough reviews of our files on rendition. Prior to 2008, given that we had firm assurances from the US that they had not and would not use our territory or airspace for rendition without our permission, these reviews focussed on the question of whether requests for rendition had been made. But, given the thoroughness of these reviews, had they revealed any instances where rendition had occurred, we would have informed Parliament.

However, following the new information received from the US this year that, contrary to previous assurances, there had been two instances of rendition through Diego Garcia in 2002, we conducted a further review of records to compile a list of flights where we had been alerted to concerns regarding rendition and ascertain whether we had any evidence that UK territory may have been used for renditions. This included looking back at the process and findings of the previous reviews. No such information was discovered.

26 November 2008

Rendition: Diego Garcia

**Mr. Tyrrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs pursuant to the answer of 6 November 2008, *Official Report*, column 688W, on rendition, whether the Customs and Daily Occurrence Logs or the General Declarations which cover the period when the two cases of rendition occurred were examined at any stage prior to their destruction for the purposes of determining the veracity of claims that Diego Garcia had been used in the US rendition programme. [236299]

**Bill Rammell:** I refer to my answer to the hon. Member's written question of 29 September 2008 (224457). We do not have the precise date on when these records were destroyed.

We have no record of the flight records having being examined for these purposes prior to their destruction. Previous records searches, for instance preceding my right hon. Friend the then Foreign Secretary Jack Straw's statements to Parliament on rendition in 2005 focused on the question of whether the US had ever requested the use of a UK territory or airspace for the purposes of rendition. We cannot determine whether

searches of specific flight records held on Diego Garcia were conducted at that time, or whether the records covering 2002 still existed at that point.

25 November 2008

**Diego Garcia: Rendition**

**Mr. Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs pursuant to the statement of 21 February 2008, *Official Report*, columns 457-58, on terrorist suspects (renditions), whether the information received from the US administration on rendition flights through Diego Garcia has been passed to the police. [232517]

**Bill Rammell:** This information has not been passed to the police.

14 May 2008

**Diego Garcia: Rendition**

**Mr. Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs pursuant to the answer of 21 April 2008, *Official Report*, column 1713W, on Diego Garcia: rendition, whether any UK official met each of the two individuals during their detention. [203522]

**Meg Munn** [*holding answer 6 May 2008*]: We have no information to suggest that the two individuals concerned met UK officials during their detention.

11 October 2007

**Diego Garcia: Rendition**

**Mr. Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what steps the Government took in assessing the assurances of the US authorities over the non-use of Diego Garcia for the rendition of detainees suspected of involvement in terrorism, with reference to the answer of 26 October 2006, *Official Report*, column 2076W, on British Indian Ocean Territory; what contribution the UK made to the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly's Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights reports on secret detentions and illegal transfers of detainees involving Council of Europe member states; what steps the Government took to ascertain whether the (a) processing and (b) other administration relating to the rendition of detainees had been undertaken on Diego Garcia by US agencies; and if he will make a statement. [157081]

**Meg Munn:** Under the 1966 Exchange of Notes between the US and UK, of non-US and non-UK nationals who are not serving members of the US military cannot be detained without notification to the Government.

There is no US facility for foreign detainees on Diego Garcia. The only civilian detention centre is at the small UK-run police station.

The US authorities have repeatedly given us assurances that no detainees, prisoners of war or any other persons in this category are being held on Diego Garcia, or have at any time passed in transit through Diego Garcia or its territorial waters or airspace. This was most recently confirmed during the 2007 US/UK Political Military Talks held in Washington on 11 and 13 September.

The Government co-operated fully with the Council of Europe's inquiry last year, together with an inquiry on similar issues by the European Parliament. At that time the Government explained that we had carried out extensive searches of official records and found no evidence of detainees being rendered through the UK, or Overseas Territories, since 1997, where there were substantial grounds to believe there was a real risk of torture.

**25 July 2007**

**Mr. Andrew Tyrie (Chichester) (Con):** The Prime Minister has announced that he is publishing the Intelligence and Security Committee report on extraordinary rendition today. I regret that he decided not to make a full statement on that important subject, too. Did the US authorities ignore vigorous protest from our security authorities about the rendition of Bisher al-Rawi and Jamil al-Banna, and will the Prime Minister take this opportunity unequivocally to condemn the policy of extraordinary rendition—that is, the practice whereby many people have been kidnapped by US authorities and taken to places where they may be tortured?

**The Prime Minister:** Where people are at risk of being tortured, we have been very clear about our objections to such a policy, but I think that the hon. Gentleman should read the report. There will be other chances for us to debate the details of it, and I am not going to condemn the US authorities in the way that he suggests.

**27 October 2006 (col 2076W)**

### **British Indian Ocean Territory**

**Mr. Blunt:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs whether the agreement covering the United States use of facilities at Diego Garcia allows the US to hold and interrogate non-US and non-UK nationals without notification to the UK Government. [96769]

**Dr. Howells:** Under the 1966 Exchange of Notes between the US and UK, non-US and non-UK nationals who are not serving members of the US military cannot be detained without notification to the Government.

Moreover, there is no US facility for foreign detainees on Diego Garcia. The only civilian detention centre is at the small UK-run police station.

The US authorities have repeatedly given us assurances that no detainees, prisoners of war or any other persons in this category are being held on Diego Garcia, or have at any time passed in transit through Diego Garcia or its territorial waters or airspace. This was

most recently confirmed during the 2006 US/UK Political Military Talks held in London on 17 and 18 October.

**Mr. Blunt:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs whether the Government have received any reports of the detention and interrogation of (a) non-US and (b) non-UK citizens in British Indian Ocean Territories by agencies of the United States since 11 September 2001. [96771]

**Dr. Howells:** The US authorities have repeatedly given us assurances that no detainees, prisoners of war or any other persons in this category are being held on Diego Garcia, or have at any time passed in transit through Diego Garcia or its territorial waters or airspace. This was most recently confirmed during the 2006 US/UK Political Military Talks held in London on 17 and 18 October.

Moreover, there is no US facility for foreign detainees on Diego Garcia. The only civilian detention centre is at the small UK-run police station.

**18 April 2006**

### **Terrorist Suspects (Renditions)**

**Mr. Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department pursuant to the answer of 12 December 2005, *Official Report*, column 1652W, to the right hon. and learned Member for North-East Fife (Sir Menzies Campbell) on terrorist suspects (renditions), whether requests are still made to the Home Secretary for the extraordinary rendition of individuals by the United States through UK airspace or territory as in 1998. [43630]

**Mr. Charles Clarke:** The Government's position on the allegations concerning extraordinary rendition was set out in the Foreign Secretary's Written Ministerial Statement of 20 January 2006, *Official Report*, column 37WS.

**26 January 2006**

### **Terrorist Suspects (Renditions)**

**Mr. Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs pursuant to his answer of 12 December 2005, *Official Report*, column 1653W to the right hon. Member for North East Fife (Sir Menzies Campbell), on terrorist suspects (renditions), if he will list the records which were checked by officials in order to provide the answer. [42528]

**Dr. Howells:** In the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, records were searched under rendition" and extradition". In the Home Office, searches were made under rendition", extradition" and IND casework". In the Ministry of Defence, officials looked for relevant information in records relating to US flights using UK military airfields.



9 January 2006

### Airspace (Extraordinary Rendition)

**Mr. Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2005, *Official Report*, column 1653W, to the right hon. and learned Member for North East Fife (Sir Menzies Campbell), on terrorist suspects (renditions), what (a) records and (b) agencies were consulted by officials researching whether the United States had requested permission for a rendition through UK territory or airspace; whether he has asked the US Administration (i) how many US flights carrying detainees have passed through UK territory or airspace to other countries for questioning and (ii) whether the US Administration maintains records of requests for permission for renditions since 1997; and what plans he has to reform the system of record keeping in this area in the future. [38961]

**Dr. Howells:** Officials have consulted relevant records, and individual recollections, in the Home Office, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Ministry of Defence and intelligence agencies. They continue to check further. Any future United States (US) request for permission to rendite an individual through UK territory or airspace will be carefully recorded by British officials. Maintenance of records by US officials is a matter for the US Administration.

We have discussed rendition with the US Administration. The US Secretary of State made clear in her statement of 5 December available at [www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2005/57602.htm](http://www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2005/57602.htm) that:

The United States has respected—and will continue to respect—the sovereignty of other countries.

The United States does not transport, and has not transported, detainees from one country to another for the purpose of interrogation using torture.

The United States does not use the airspace or the airports of any country for the purpose of transporting a detainee to a country where he or she will be tortured.

The United States has not transported anyone, and will not transport anyone, to a country when we believe he will be tortured. Where appropriate, the United States seeks assurances that transferred persons will not be tortured.

**Mr. Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs whether the Government has asked the United States Administration whether the Gulfstream V aircraft that transited at Prestwick on 15 January 2002 was a rendition flight. [38963]

**Dr. Howells:** As my right hon. Friend the Prime Minister made clear in his response to the right hon. Member for Ross, Skye and Lochaber (Mr. Kennedy) at Prime Minister's Question Time on 14 December 2005, it would be absurd for the Government to investigate every flight transiting the UK which may have a connection to the United States Government.

**Mr. Ancram:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs when the annual agreement between the US and the UK about flights into the UK originating in the US was last agreed; what changes if any were made; and if he will make a statement. [37218]

20 December 2005

### Airspace (Extraordinary Rendition)

**Mr. Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs pursuant to the answer of 12 December 2005, *Official Report*, column 1653W, to the right hon. and learned Member for North-East Fife (Sir Menzies Campbell), on terrorist suspects (rendition), whether his officials checked (a) Ministry of Defence records of civil registered flights using military airfields and (b) national air traffic services data; and what discussions were held with BAA on this matter. [38962]

**Dr. Howells:** Neither the records and data to which the hon. Member refers, nor BAA records, would demonstrate whether or not terrorist suspects have been renditioned through UK territory or airspace.

**Mr. Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what assurances the Government has sought from the United States Administration on its purpose in rendering detainees for questioning to (a) Egypt, (b) Syria and (c) other countries; and if he will make a statement. [38964]

**Dr. Howells:** In the United States (US) Secretary of State's statement on 5 December, available at <http://www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2005/57602.htm>, following my right hon. Friend the Foreign Secretary's letter to her of 29 November, Condoleezza Rice explained that for decades the US and other countries have used renditions to transport terrorist suspects to their home country or other countries where they can be questioned, held or brought to justice. She also made clear that:

The United States has respected—and will continue to respect—the sovereignty of other countries.

The United States does not transport, and has not transported, detainees from one country to another for the purpose of interrogation using torture.

The United States does not use the airspace or the airports of any country for the purpose of transporting a detainee to a country where he or she will be tortured.

The United States has not transported anyone in, and will not transport anyone to, a country when it believes he or she will be tortured. Where appropriate, the United States seeks assurances that transferred persons will not be tortured.

**Mr. Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what assessment the Government has made of the effect of the Chicago Convention in relation to suspected rendition flights on (a) the application of domestic criminal law and (b) other international conventions incorporated into UK law. [38965]

**Dr. Howells:** The Government does not consider that the Chicago Convention inhibits the application of United Kingdom domestic law or the implementation of our international obligations.

**Mr. Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs whether any detainees originally held by UK (a) armed forces and (b) other agencies and subsequently transferred to United States responsibility has been rendered to (i) Egypt, (ii) Syria and (iii) other countries. [38966]

**Dr. Howells:** We are unaware of any individuals originally detained by UK authorities and subsequently renditioned by the USA to any country.

**Mr. Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what assessment he has made of the implications of the United States (a) reservations and (b) derogations from the UN Convention Against Torture for UK policy on the rendition of detainees to third countries. [38967]

**Dr. Howells:** The UK policy on rendition of detainees to third countries is very clear. Where we are requested to assist another State and our assistance would be lawful, we will decide whether or not to assist taking into account all the circumstances. We would not assist in any case if to do so would put us in breach of UK law or our international obligations, including the UN Convention Against Torture. In particular, we would not facilitate the transfer of an individual from or through the UK to another State where there were grounds to believe that the person would face a real risk of torture. This is not affected by the position of other States on the Convention.

**Mr. Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what measures are in place to ensure that the UK's interpretation of the UN Convention Against Torture is applied in decisions on the rendition of detainees to other countries via UK territory or airspace. [38968]

**Dr. Howells:** The term "rendition" is currently being used to describe informal transfers of individuals in a wide range of circumstances. Whether any particular "rendition" is lawful depends on the facts of each individual case. Where we are requested to assist another State and our assistance would be lawful, we will decide whether or not to assist taking into account all the circumstances. We would not assist in any case if to do so would put us in breach of UK law or our international obligations, including under the United Nations (UN) Convention Against Torture. In particular, consistent with our obligations under the UN Convention Against Torture, we would not facilitate or permit the transfer of an individual from or through the UK to another State where there were substantial grounds to believe that the person would face a real risk of torture.

**Mr. Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what are the criteria by which the Government makes the decision on whether to accept or reject an application from overseas for access to UK (a) facilities and (b) airspace for the purpose of rendition of a detainee to a third country. [38969]

**Dr. Howells:** The term "rendition" is currently being used to describe informal transfers of individuals in a wide range of circumstances. Whether any particular "rendition" is lawful depends on the facts of each individual case. Where we are requested to assist another State and our assistance would be lawful, we will decide whether or not to assist taking into account all the circumstances. We would not assist in any case if to do so would put us in breach of UK law or our international obligations, including under the United Nations Convention Against Torture. In particular, we would not facilitate or permit the transfer of an individual from or through the UK to another State where there were grounds to believe that the person would face a real risk of torture.